

Patient Information

Free Consultations Available for Women with Spontaneous Premature Ovarian Failure

The diagnosis of premature ovarian failure raises many questions for you. This is a mysterious condition that we would all like to learn more about.

The Intramural Research Program of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland is sponsoring a clinical research program whose goal is to develop improved treatments for young women with spontaneous premature ovarian failure. Their multidisciplinary research team is available to assist you. You and I will receive a comprehensive report of their evaluation. The NIH team's goal is to assist in providing good care to individual women with spontaneous premature ovarian failure while at the same time advancing scientific understanding of their condition. A comprehensive clinical and laboratory evaluation will be provided free of charge.

As clinicians in a research facility, the NIH team is allotted adequate time to see patients with premature ovarian failure. After their evaluation the team will meet with each patient and her partner for a 2-hour session to explain normal ovarian physiology and to address the many important issues facing young women with spontaneous premature ovarian failure.

The NIH team also has ongoing research seeking to develop a treatment to restore fertility to women with autoimmune ovarian failure and ongoing research seeking to determine the ideal form of hormone replacement. There is no cost or obligation to participate in these additional research studies. In some cases travel funds are available for participants.

For more information please contact the NIH Patient Recruitment and Public Liaison Office toll free at 1-800-411-1222 or by email at prpl@mail.cc.nih.gov. You may also contact the program's office directly if you prefer by calling Vien Vanderhoof toll free at 1-877-206-0911.